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THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 1892.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital 1,000,000
Subscribed Capital 500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman.
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
Chen Kit Shun, Esq.,
C. J. Hirst, Esq.,
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Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

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Co.
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Esq., M.P., for Hallam.
GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

Intimations.

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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at the Chamber of the Hon. Secretary, 18, Bank Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 11th instant, at 4.15 P.M. to discuss, and, if approved, adopt the following Amendment to Rule 5: "Candidates elected after 10th June in any year shall only be liable for half subscription for that year."

ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1892.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd August, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1892.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 22nd of August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors:

D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1892.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of THREE PER CENT. (One Dollar and Fifty Cents per Share) for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1892, will be paid to those Persons who are registered as Shareholders in the above Company, on MONDAY, 15th August, 1892.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to 15th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1892.

THE SELAMA TIN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ALL HOLDERS of TRANSFERS OF SHARES in the above Company are requested to send them to the Underigned together with the SCRIP therefor at ONCE, and notice is hereby given that no Shares will be TRANSFERRED nor TRANSFERS accepted after the 15th August next.

Dated the 15th July, 1892.

W. HUTTON POTTS,
Liquidator.

PUNJON & SUNGHIR DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

ALL PERSONS holding SCRIP in the above Company are requested to send them to the Underigned at once for TRANSFER.

A Circular will be sent to each SHAREHOLDER, in reference to the re-constitution of the Company.

A. O. GOURDIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1892.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony, Mr. T. COWEN, who holds my POWER OF ATTORNEY, will act as Editor and Manager of the Hongkong Telegraph.

R. FRASER-SMITH,
Editor and Proprietor.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1892.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE SHORT RANGE CUP will be shot for on SATURDAY, the 13th August. Ranges—200 and 300 yards. Time, 2.45 P.M.

ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th August, 1892.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICE.

I EXPECT to resume my Hongkong DENTAL PRACTICE early in September, further notice in due course.

DENTON E. PETERSON, D.D.S.,
No. 9, Connaught House,
Queen's Road.

1st August, 1892.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and Table Accommodation. Apply to

MR. MATHER,
2, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 30th June, 1892.

PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

"GLENVIEW BUILDINGS,"
(Nos. 11 and 14, Wyndham Street).

MRS. GILLANDERS has VACANCIES for RESIDENT BOARDERS and VISITORS, also Accommodation for TABLE-BOARDERS.

Hongkong, 4th July, 1892.

WILLIAM WATTERS.

CHAMPION MIDDLEWEIGHT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.
CHAMPION OF THE CHINA STATION.

will give LESSONS in the ART OF SELF DEFENCE to Gentlemen at their own homes or at his Rooms, 133, Wanchai Road.

FOR ONE MONTH ONLY.

For terms apply at this Office.

Hongkong, 3rd August, 1892.

KING WO CHEONG.

COAL MERCHANTS, SHIPS' COMPRAI DORES, STEVEDORES, &c.
HAVE FOR SALE A CARGO OF AKAIKI COAL.

MR. J. W. BOYD, Superintendent of the AKAIKI COAL GIVES TEN PER CENT. BETTER RESULTS than any Japanese Coal he has ever used.

For full particulars as to price, &c., Apply to

KING WO CHEONG,
No. 11, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1892.

Intimations.

W. BREWER.

THE Snows of Tibet through China, by Prati.
Peeps into China, by Reid.
De Hanoi & Pekin—Rambaud.
Moore's Diseases of India.
A. B. C. Codes.
Moray & Bigge's Mechanical Engineering.
Thompson's Dynamo Electric Machinery.
Carlyle's Freemasonry.
Duncan's Freemasonry.
Allport's Telephone Construction and Fitting.
Elements of Social Science.
The Constellation and how to find them.
The Miner's Pocket-book.
Large India Rubber Balls for Children.
Small Purses for 10c & 20c. pieces.
Sellers' Leather Cigar and Cigarette Cases.

W. BREWER.

UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1892.

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1892.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

M.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,

PROPRIETOR.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NEW FRENCH NOVELS.

M. Paléologue—L'Arrière-Chipsa.
Georges De Peyrebrune—Le Roman D'un Bar-Bleu.
Ferdinand Fabre—Sylviane.
Georges Ohnet—Le Maître de Forges.
Abel Hermant—Ermeline.
Gustave Flaubert—Salammbo.
Jean Rameau—L'Amour d'Anastie.
Adolphe Belot—Mademoiselle Grand.
Fortune Du Boisgobey—Argoliste.
Guy de Maupassant—Clair De Lune.
Paul Bourget—Un Cour De Femmes.
do.—Sensations D'Italie.
do.—Fleurs D'Enfer.
do.—An Maroc.
Méliandri & A. Willette—Les Soeurs Hedouin.
J. Roussieu—Jean Foutre.
Paul Marguerite—Le Clairassier Blanc.
L. Roger-Milid—La Cité De Misère.
Henri Monet—René Piron.
André Valdes—Les Trépas Des Valcous.
Alphonse Allais—Vive la Vie.
George Bonnamour—Régis-Amer.
Madame Caro—Fruits Amers.
Dubut De L'aforet—Le Comte-Voyageur.
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KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 3rd August, 1892.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

THE HOTEL STAFF LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. THE TABLE D'HÔTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cooking being under experienced supervision.

T-E-BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty, and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communication. The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience. A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjacent the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINE & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied. HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LD.

SHIPCHANDLERS, GENERAL STOREKEEPERS, & COMMISSION AGENTS.

AMERICAN REVOLVERS, WINCHESTER CARBINES, ENGLISH FOWLING PIECES and AMMUNITION, STAR SAFETY RAZORS, MANDARIN RAZORS, RODGERS' HOLLOW GROUND RAZORS, &c.
WALTHAM WATCHES, GOLD FITTED CASES, ROLLED GOLD CHAINS, BINOCULARS, ANEROID BAROMETERS, AMERICAN CLOCKS, all at cheapest rates.
AERATED WATERS 3 dozen for \$1. AERATED CLARET at 20 cents per dozen.

CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.,
14, Praya Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1892.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

SEASON 1892-3.

FIRST SHIPMENT HAS NOW ARRIVED

Lane, Crawford & Co.'s special "EXTRA FINEST" quality is 1 & 2 lb. BLUE TINS.

"FINEST" quality in 7 lb. tins.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1892.

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land, by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY,

the 15th day of August, 1892, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,

G. T. M. O'BRIEN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 30th July, 1892.

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 15th day of August, 1892, at 4 P.M., by order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have received instructions from the Executor of the late W. F. SHARP, to Sell by Public Auction (unless previously disposed of privately), at their Office, French Band, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 17th August, 1892, at 11 A.M., THE WELL-KNOWN IRON SCREW S.S. "ELLA."

Classed as (for river purposes only), now running on the Yangtze between this and Hankow.

Dimensions 199' x 26' 6" x 19'. Height between decks 7' 6".

Gross Register 774, under deck 680, net 510 tons.

She was built in 1870, by J. SCOTT & SONS, at Inverkeithing, and Engine by the same firm. Cylinders 20" and 36". Length of stroke 27".

Bellevue Millitubular. Capacity of Bunkers 75 tons. Consumption of Fuel per 24 hours 64 tons Japan coal.

She has a very good carrying capacity, viz. 1,200 tons measurement or 675 tons dead weight exclusively of Bunkers, and first-class accommodation for 10 passengers, second-class 100 and third class 250.

Her average speed is 9.6 knots per hour. Draught of water laden 13' 11" and 10' forward.

Draught of water light 9' 6" and 4' forward.

Lloyd's Surveyor reports in December last: "Hull in good order and condition. The ship was docked and painted in March last, new crank shaft fitted in November, 1891, when she was thoroughly overhauled."

According to her capacity she has remarkably small consumption of coal.

TERMS OF SALE.

The Steamer will be sold with all faults and errors of description, without any allowance for any defects or deficiency whatever.

One half of the purchase money is to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the transfer, to be made within four days (or sooner, if agreed by the seller and purchaser) failing which the first payment to be forfeited.

The vessel to be at the risk of the purchaser as soon as knocked down. Should the purchaser fail to complete the purchase the steamer will be sold for his account either by Public or Private sale, and any deficiency will be claimed from him.

No one shall be allowed to retract his bidding.

All bids to be made in Taels of Shanghai Sycee.

All expenses of transfer to be borne by the purchaser.

The vessel may be inspected on the 2nd, 3rd, 12th to 16th August.

For further particulars, apply to WHELOCK & Co., Auctioneers, Shanghai, 18th July, 1892.

Hotels.

MR. OSBORNE begs to remind the Public that every possible arrangement has been made for the comfort and convenience of Visitors to this popular Summer Resort. "BAY VIEW" occupies the best situation on the Sham Wan Road, commands an excellent view of the Harbour, and is always open to the cool breezes from the Southward. Steam-lanterns can at any time come alongside the Jetty adjoining the spacious lawn.

The Cuisine is unrivalled in Hongkong, and only the best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Cigars, etc., are kept in stock. Private Dinners or Tiffin prepared in first-class style on the shortest notice, and Meals can be served at all hours.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1892.

THE SHAMWEN HOTEL.

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably situated within a few minutes walk of the "River Steamer Wharves," is now open to receive Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Billiard Room, and Accommodation generally will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every luxury in season, and the cuisine is in expert hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liquors, etc., of the best quality only.

Columbia Club, of which he was at one time the most active member.

Mr. Schurz has leased the country place of Grosvenor, P. Lowry at Pocomoke Hills, Westchester county, N. Y., and intends to make it his permanent place of residence.

The Pope is said to be the richest man in Rome. He personally directs the financial transactions of the Church and even carries the key to his safe, which he keeps in his apartments. James Richard Cooke, who graduated from the Boston University School of Medicine the week before last, is the first person totally blind from infancy to receive a degree as physician.

Professor John Backus McVicker has displayed his loyalty to the University of Pennsylvania by declining the Presidency of the University of Michigan, which is worth \$10,000 a year.

Edwin was himself a teacher, as it well known, like William H. Seward, John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Millard Fillmore, Lyman Trumbull, the secretary of the Posters and others.

For fifty-five years Miss Hannah Fairchild of Westport, Conn., has been a member of the church and has not missed a service during that period. She is in her seventy-eighth year. Matthew Arnold, when he was Professor of Poetry at Oxford, used to say to his class: "Please call me Mr. Arnold. I have always tried to stand by myself and to compromise others as little as possible."

King Mallet of Samoa is not paid his salary (\$25 a week) with regularity enough to keep him in easy financial condition, so he has been making his wives do washing for well-to-do white residents of Apia.

The health of Louis Kosuth, the Hungarian patriot, who lives at Turin, according to Hungarian papers, is excellent at the present time. He is obliged, however, to live regularly and dreads the guillotine of indiscretion.

Robert C. Winthrop of Massachusetts, the venerable ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives, has enjoyed the acquaintance of every President of the United States with the exception of Washington and Jefferson.

Sir James Allport, who died a few days ago, was the oldest railroad man in England in point of service. He began as a lamp-room porter and was at the head of the great Midland Railroad Company when he died.

Among the generous donors to the New York Grant Monument fund the name of William Waldorf Astor appears for a subscription of \$10,000. His check is already in the Treasurer's hands.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe was 80 years old June 14th, and the anniversary was celebrated by the friends and guests of the Harriet Beecher Seminary, which was founded by Miss Beecher in 1827.

The Chinese Minister is the most expensively dressed man in Washington. He never appears more than once in the same costume, and it is supposed that he has \$150,000 worth of dry goods delivered to his personal attendant.

To Chicago belongs the honor of being the dwelling-place of the first colored woman who ever published and published a novel. Her name is Sarah E. Fay and she is now in her twenty-third year. The title of her book is "True Love."

Among the delegates elected to attend the Republican National Convention at Minneapolis is William Butler, of North Carolina. He is a son of Chang, one of the Siamese twins, whose strange deformity gave them a world-wide reputation.

W. M. Ransom, stenographer of the Sixth Judicial District of Michigan, has recently written 324 words of "unfamiliar" matter, from the dictionary, in confinement, but whether this is owing to the confinement or the previous lives of the convicts is not clear. Few criminals of any kind live to be old men.

A fowl's gizzard, where so many lost articles turn up, is a curious trap as well as a necessary vital organ of the fowl. Diamonds, pearls, coral, buttons, ticks, orange peel and about everything else save dynamite, have been found in the gizzard of fowls.

John Jacob Kirchner, of Fort Dodge, Ia., is going for a divorce on the ground that his husband would not let her kiss him and had killed her pet cat. Mr. Kirchner alleged in reply that his wife was accustomed to kiss her cats, and had already killed several to death.

The idea of a canal along the present route of the great Suess was considered practicable, and excavations were actually commenced upward of 2500 years ago, and in the time of the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus, 273 years before Christ, the work of the two was perfected.

A society has been formed in London under the title of the Witnesses' Protection Society. The objects of the association are to protect witnesses from insults by counsel, to put the matter of contempt of court into the hands of a jury and to raise a fund to indemnify contumacious witnesses from pecuniary loss.

Philip Bullion, an old and impetuous soldier, has been for more than two years in jail for debt in Elkhardt, Ind. The debt, for which he was imprisoned, originated in a store bill contracted by his wife, to pay which he borrowed money and gave his note. He is sentenced to remain in prison until the debt is paid.

There comes from Sweden news of the construction of a locomotive steamboat. It was built for use on a chain of small lakes in Sweden which are separated by waterfalls, and to get around these the steamboat has been fitted with wheels like those of a locomotive, and on leaving the water runs smoothly along on the land on special tracks.

In Russian industrial establishments the difference in the working hours is something extraordinary, varying from six to 20. It is remarkable that these great divergences occur in the same branches of industry within the same inspector's district, and among establishments whose products realize the same market price.

Ant Hillie Strout of Harrington, Me., now 86 years of age, is the daughter of David Strout, who was three times married and was the father of 25 children. The last four of this interesting family were born at one birth and were named Europe, Asia, Africa and America respectively. The quartet died in infancy and Ant Hillie is the sole survivor of the 25.

An employee of Barnum and Bailey's circus stole a cage of lions the other day. While the circus was at York, Pa., he drove the cage about a track and started West with it to join a circus in Nebraska. A Chicago detective followed him there and sent the lions, which were nearly starved, back to their owners. The value of the cage was \$3500.

The constant recourse of modern dramatists to-day to the French stage makes noteworthy the reminder that as recently as 1829 there was only one theatre open in Paris, the Hotel de Bourgogne at which Corneille was first employed. The great play "Le Cid" was an adaptation of the Spanish play, and gave rise to the proverb, "As beautiful as 'Le Cid'."

A large electric locomotive is now being built at Bern, Switzerland. It will be fitted with dynamo of a total of 1,500 horse-power, which power will be transmitted to eight electric motors arranged on the same number of axles. It is said that this locomotive will attain a higher speed than steam locomotives. Trial of its capabilities will be made this summer.

A "generalized" traveller at Kansas City recently became suddenly deaf and blind. Surgeons examined him carefully, and decided that a clot of blood had formed on the brain. The clot was located, the man prepared for an operation, and a trepanning performed. As soon as a small button of the skull was removed,

closest seclusion in the heart of Paris. As soon as she saw the traces of fading charms in her face, she pulled down the Venetian shutters in her dwelling, and allowed no one to approach her. So long has she thus exiled herself from the world that many people believed her to be dead.

Mrs. Bettie Taylor Dandridge of Winchester, Va., is the daughter of President Zachary Taylor, and during his Presidency she was the lady of the White House. She was then the wife of Colonel Bliss, U.S.A., after whose death she married Philip Dandridge, whom she survives.

Mrs. Dandridge and Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnson, widow of Henry Johnson of Baltimore, are the only survivors of the long line of distinguished women who preceded over the White House previous to Grant's term.

During a portion of President Tyler's tenancy of the White House there presided over it as first lady of the land, stood by his side on reception days and sat at the head of the table at state banquets, his daughter, Letitia Tyler.

She married a Mr. Semple, a paymaster in the navy. He has been dead many years; she is very peculiar and is today aged eighty-two. She lives by the hand of charity at the Corcoran Home for aged women, an institution that is only twenty minutes' drive from the White House.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It is said that in India the native barber will shave you then asleep without waking you, so light is his touch.

The yearly consumption of milk at the Hotel Metropole, London, is 75,000 quarts, and of water 20,000,000 gallons.

A fine has recently been imposed upon an English woman who permitted her two dogs to draw her baby-carriage on a public highway.

In the Old Testament, although great numbers of women are mentioned, there is but one—Sarah, Abraham's wife—whose age is recorded.

Siberia is one of the finest undeveloped countries in the world, and it is really difficult to exaggerate the enormous wealth of this gigantic region.

The Legislative Assembly of Styria, in Austria, has passed a law forbidding poor people to marry without a special license from the authorities.

A man living in New England who is 5 feet 7 inches in height has a beard 3 feet 3 inches in length, or 8 inches longer than himself. The beard began to grow 12 years ago. [This puts Inspector Bremer in the shade altogether. Ed.]

In the case of a humming-bird the sound is caused by the beating of the wings against the air. The hum or buzz of insects is produced by the under part of their hind wings scraping against the edges of their hind legs, which are edged like a saw.

An old Indian chief, La Pter, has in his possession a remarkable souvenir. It is a fawn of human hair, 50 feet long, and of variegated colors. A priest at one of the Indian missions says that it was made from the hair of wives and daughters of pioneers.

The people of no race have such persistent and deep-rooted carelessness in regard to human life as the Chinese. They are not only capable of committing suicide to spite an enemy, but they neglect the simplest precautions for preserving themselves from death.

Between the ages of 30 and 40 prisoners die of consumption, of influenza, of matter, of the disease of confinement, but whether this is owing to the confinement or the previous lives of the convicts is not clear. Few criminals of any kind live to be old men.

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Ant Hillie Strout of Harrington, Me., now 86 years of age, is the daughter of David Strout, who was three times married and was the father of 25 children. The last four of this interesting family were born at one birth and were named Europe, Asia, Africa and America respectively. The quartet died in infancy and Ant Hillie is the sole survivor of the 25.

An employee of Barnum and Bailey's circus stole a cage of lions the other day. While the circus was at York, Pa., he drove the cage about a track and started West with it to join a circus in Nebraska. A Chicago detective followed him there and sent the lions, which were nearly starved, back to their owners. The value of the cage was \$3500.

The constant recourse of modern dramatists to-day to the French stage makes noteworthy the reminder that as recently as 1829 there was only one theatre open in Paris, the Hotel de Bourgogne at which Corneille was first employed. The great play "Le Cid" was an adaptation of the Spanish play, and gave rise to the proverb, "As beautiful as 'Le Cid'."

A large electric locomotive is now being built at Bern, Switzerland. It will be fitted with dynamo of a total of 1,500 horse-power, which power will be transmitted to eight electric motors arranged on the same number of axles. It is said that this locomotive will attain a higher speed than steam locomotives. Trial of its capabilities will be made this summer.

A "generalized" traveller at Kansas City recently became suddenly deaf and blind. Surgeons examined him carefully, and decided that a clot of blood had formed on the brain. The clot was located, the man prepared for an operation, and a trepanning performed. As soon as a small button of the skull was removed,

Mr. Gillet's senses returned to him one by one, leaving him as well as ever.

An account of a tree-climbing pig comes from Australia. For a number of years wild pigs have been very numerous in Queensland, and the theory is that the common pig has been changed, partly by necessities of his wild life, into the variety discovered. The fore feet are furnished with hook-like claws, but the hind ones with only two hooks upon each hoof. The tail is thick, about a foot long, and curled like the figure 8.

Quill pens are still much in use in Great Britain. A tradition exists in the law courts there that no document would be strictly legal if written with any pen other than a quill. A similar tradition used to obtain in parts of New England, and it is notable that Governor Russell of Massachusetts follows the precedent of his predecessors and signs all legislative bills with a new quill pen—used once for that purpose and never again.

Primitive man originally subsisted on a diet consisting purely of fruits and roots; but he soon became omnivorous from necessity, and his stomach readily adapted itself to every kind of food. If the Darwinian theory be accepted, and the descent of man from Simian ancestors be granted, we have further argument in support of the fact that flesh eating was the outcome of civilisation and climatic necessity rather than of natural craving.

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